

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for treating a pressure sore, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to or to the vicinity of a pressure sore of a patient without substantially paralyzing a muscle, thereby treating a pressure sore.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is administered in an amount of between about 1 unit and about 3,000 units.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration is by topical or subcutaneous administration of the botulinum toxin.
6. (Currently amended) A method for treating a pressure sore, the method comprising the step of locally administering a

therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to a pressure sore or to the vicinity of a pressure sore of [[the]] a patient without substantially paralyzing a muscle, thereby treating the pressure sore by facilitating healing of the pressure sore.

7. (Currently amended) A method for preventing development of a pressure sore, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to or to the vicinity of a pressure point of [[the]] a patient without substantially paralyzing a muscle, thereby preventing development of a pressure sore.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C1, D, E, F and G.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the botulinum toxin is administered in an amount of between about 5 units and about 25,000 units.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the administration is by topical or subcutaneous administration of the botulinum toxin.

12. (Currently amended) A method for preventing development of a pressure sore, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum

toxin to or to the vicinity of a pressure point of [[the]] a patient without substantially paralyzing a muscle, thereby preventing development of a pressure sore.

13. (Currently amended) A method for treating a pressure sore, the method comprises the step of locally administering an effective a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin type A to a pressure sore without substantially paralyzing a muscle, thereby treating the pressure sore.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the pressure sore is a result of immobility of the patient.